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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

MASSACHUSETTS COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

MAY 27, 1857.

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

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THE MASSACHUSETTS COLONIZATION SOCIETY held its Sixteenth Annual Meeting, at its Office in Boston, at 12 o'clock at noon, on Wednesday, May 27, 1857; the Hon. A. R. THOMPSON, Vice President, in the chair.

The Treasurer's Account, with the Auditor's certificate, was presented and accepted.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was presented, accepted, and ordered to be read at the public meeting this afternoon.

The Officers for the last year were unanimously elected, by ballot, to the same offices for the year ensuing.

Adjourned, to meet at the Central Church, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for public exercises.

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AFTERNOON.—The Society met, according to adjournment; WILLIAM ROPES, Esq., President, in the chair.

The Rev. J. M. MANNING opened the meeting with prayer.

After introductory remarks by the President, and reading from the Annual Report by the Secretary, the Rev. Professor W. G. T. SHEDD, of Andover, delivered a very able and eloquent address.

The congregation sang the 117th Psalm, and the Rev. H. HUMPHREY, D. D., closed the exercises with the benediction.

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1857.

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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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### Emigrants by the *Elvira Owen*.

OUR last Report mentioned the sailing, on the day previous to its presentation, of the ship *Elvira Owen*, from Boston, for Norfolk, Savannah and Liberia; having on board two emigrants, the materials of two large buildings for the reception of emigrants on landing, provisions for the voyage, and other articles for various uses in Africa. This was one of the most important expeditions ever sent out, and was, on the whole, very successfully conducted. She received on board 177 additional emigrants at Hampton Roads, and 142 at Savannah, making 321 in all. Of these, 44 were free born, 8 purchased their freedom, and 269 were gratuitously emancipated. Among them were 23, emancipated by the will of Nelson Graves, of Woodford County, Kentucky, and furnished with \$14,800, for their emigration and settlement; and 43 emancipated and furnished with \$15,000, by will of James Kelly, of Kilmarnock, Lancaster County, Virginia. Mrs. Elizabeth Holderness, of Columbus, Mississippi, sent 14, paying \$968 for the expense of their emigration, and furnishing outfits with a careful liberality almost parental. David Floyd, of Rocky Plains, Newton County, Georgia, sent 19, for whose expenses he paid \$1,225. From the estate of George M. Waters, Gwinnett County, Georgia, were 41, for whom \$1,380 were paid. Others were provided for with similar liberality.

On the passage from Hampton Roads to Savannah, the Rev. John Seys, Special Agent of the Society, made arrangements for daily worship, and by the aid of the Bibles, Testaments and School Books sent from Boston, organized a school; and these were kept up, as far as circumstances permitted, during the whole voyage.

On the voyage, it was discovered that some of the emigrants

had unhappily brought the seeds of the measles on board with them. Of course, the spread of the disease could not be prevented. There were, in all, 91 cases. Its prevalence, as all who know that disease must anticipate, brought on other diseases. Of 21 white persons on board, only one escaped sickness. It is not surprising that there were 21 deaths, and two children were so reduced that they died soon after landing.

### **The Receptacles.**

The materials were landed for one Receptacle at Monrovia, and for the other at Robertsport, without the loss or breaking of a single piece. The framing, grooving, matching, and the like, proved to have been done correctly, excepting only the mis-fitting of a door-casing or two, which was easily rectified; and the whole went together, as had been predicted, "like a bedstead." They furnish accommodations far superior to any ever existing there before. The cost of both, including freight and the expense of erection, was \$12,000; though the estimated cost had been \$15,000 each, before this plan was adopted. That at Robertsport, where, from the newness of the settlement, private accommodations were not so good as at Monrovia, was solemnly dedicated to its appropriate use by religious services, and the emigrants moved into it, before it was quite completed. Their health was immediately improved.

It may be well to mention here, though out of the order of time, that we are attempting a still further improvement in this matter of Receptacles. We propose to substitute several small cottages for the large buildings which have heretofore been thought necessary. Small timbers cost much less originally, and may be transported and handled in every way much more easily and cheaply, in proportion to their size, than large ones. There are some manifest advantages in placing 50 or 100 emigrants in several houses, as closely contiguous as is consistent with perfect ventilation, instead of one large building. We therefore send out this spring, by the Society's ship, three cottages for the Receptacle at Sinou, affording about half the accommodations that are needed there. It was not thought best to send a greater number, till experience shall have shown how they answer their purpose, and what modifications of the plan may be desirable. They are one

story and an half high, with two rooms each on the lower floor and two above, and a projecting roof at the sides and ends. The doors and windows are so arranged, that each may be used as two tenements. The cost of such cottages, on the wharf at Boston, is about \$300 each; more or less, according to the quality of the stock and workmanship. On this plan, if no unforeseen objections arise, an amount of accommodation equal to that afforded by the Receptacles at Monrovia and Robertsport can be furnished at less than half the cost; and the cottages, if any change should render them needless as Receptacles, can be sold and easily removed to other sites.

### **The Society's Ship, the Mary Caroline Stevens.**

Our last Report mentioned the signing of the contract for building the Society's ship, for which \$36,000 had been given by John Stevens, Esq., of Talbot County, Maryland. F. W. Brune, Esq., of Baltimore, gave \$1,200 to furnish two iron tanks, large enough to hold all the water that would be needed on the voyage. Thomas Wilson, Esq., of Baltimore, furnished an appropriate library for the cabin. The Maryland Colonization Society paid in advance, for the passage of emigrants from time to time, \$8,000, which was needed for coppering and other expenses.

### **First Voyage of the Mary Caroline Stevens.**

The ship was completed, and sailed from Baltimore, November 30, and from Norfolk, December 6, with 217 emigrants, of whom 9 were free born, 12 purchased themselves, and 196 were gratuitously emancipated. Of these, Richard Hoff, Esq., of Egbert County, Georgia, emancipated 54, gave them a liberal outfit, and paid the Society \$3,780 for their expenses. From Massachusetts there were six; Mrs. Mary Jane Triplett, a sister of Dr. Snowden, of Sinou, with her two daughters; Miss Sarah E. Grant, with an orphan daughter of a deceased friend; and Miss E. S. Mallory, a highly educated young lady from Templeton. Mrs. Triplett will join her brother at Sinou. Miss Grant is competent to instruct a primary school, in which employment she hoped to be useful to heathen children. The members of the Bowdoin Street Church, Boston, of which she is a member, gave her a liberal outfit for that purpose. Miss Mallory was enabled to complete her preparation to instruct

a female seminary of high order, by the liberality of the Rev. L. Sabin, of Templeton, in whose family she was brought up, and of other friends in that vicinity. Almost immediately on her arrival, her services were wanted in a school already established ; but she accepted only such temporary employment as was safe before acclimation.

### **Emigration in 1856.**

The whole number sent out during the year 1856, was 538. Of these, 53 were free born, 20 purchased themselves, and 465 were gratuitously emancipated. The amount paid to the Society for expenses of emigrants, not including outfits furnished to the emigrants themselves, was \$22,676 09.

### **Schools in the Receptacles.**

The ship carried out instructions and an agent for still another improvement in connection with the Receptacles. At the adjourned meeting of the Directors in March, 1856, the Committee on Emigration had suggested the establishment of workshops and a model farm at each Receptacle. A little later, the Rev. Alexander Crummell, of Monrovia, in a letter to a friend, suggested that each Receptacle should have its school. In the words of the last Report of the Parent Society :—

“ On the 24th of October, the Executive Committee referred the subject of establishing a common English and Agricultural school in each of the Receptacles in Liberia, to a select committee, who, on the 7th of November, reported a plan, which was adopted. The Committee stated in their report, that each Receptacle would accommodate one hundred and twenty-five emigrants, about one-third of whom would be of a proper age to attend school ; that some adults might attend with benefit ; that the Society's ship would make two voyages in a year, bringing emigrants to each Receptacle at the end of six months, so that they would be constantly occupied ; that, as she would carry 196 adults, equal to about 240 of all ages, we might expect a school of forty scholars to be kept up at least ten months in the year, in which the rudiments of a common school education might be acquired ; that, as land suitable for cultivation would surround or adjoin each Receptacle, adults as well as children might find

benefit to mind as well as body by agricultural occupation, and do something, perhaps much, towards their own support. On recommendation of the Committee, it was resolved to establish such a school in connection with each Receptacle ; to apply the income of the legacy of ten thousand dollars from Augustus Graham, now amounting to \$660 annually, to the support of those schools ; that board and lodging be allowed to the teachers as part of their compensation ; that the children of parents who are unable to educate them, be allowed a reasonable privilege beyond the term of six months ; that, should the schools not be full, the agents of the Society be authorized to place in them a certain number of pupils who may pay for their instruction, and thus the teachers be occupied and education be extended ; that the teachers be men of piety, maintain Sabbath schools, and give instruction in the Bible and religious books ; that each Receptacle have a suitable library ; that a Board of Trustees, consisting of the President of the Republic, the Agents and Physicians at Cape Mount and Monrovia, be chosen, with authority to appoint and remove the teachers, subject to the approval of this Committee, and adopt regulations for the benefit of all concerned ; and that the teachers be required to report fully and minutely to the Trustees at the end of each term of five months. The American Bible, Tract, and Sunday School Union Societies, as they have generously done on former occasions, kindly contributed a liberal supply of their books for the use and benefit of these schools."

Thomas M. Chester, an emigrant from Pennsylvania, who had returned and acquired the rudiments of a classical education in the Academy at Thetford, Vt., went out under an engagement as teacher of one of these schools.

#### Dr. Hall's Superintendence of the Voyage.

With great propriety, the superintendence of this voyage was committed to Dr. James Hall, who is one of the Trustees who hold the ship for the use of the Society, who superintended her construction, and who gladly availed himself of this opportunity to visit, once more, the scenes of his early and important labors in Africa. In his Report of this voyage, he says :—

"The ship now at the service of the Society, for amplitude of space, ventilation, and every desirable arrangement, is all that we



could desire. Our permanent tanks and water casks are all sufficient to relieve us from any apprehensions as to quality and quantity of water; and our cooking apparatus is so perfect and extensive, that we are able at all times to prepare the emigrants' food in the best manner and in sufficient variety. This I consider one of the greatest advantages of our new ship, scarcely to be appreciated by any one who has not suffered from ill-cooked food even for a ship's complement on board ordinary vessels in foul weather. We have had one of the most stormy passages I have ever known, for four weeks in succession without one watch of fair wind, constantly pitching into a head sea, often under close-reefed topsails, and lying-to for days in a gale. Yet we have not been obliged to intermit one meal, or one article of a meal, of our weekly programme for emigrants, or of our ordinary cabin fare, even baking fresh bread every morning for over two hundred people. This is attributable to the remarkable easy motion of the ship."

His arrival at Monrovia was most opportune, enabling him to render important services in a very difficult crisis of public affairs.

#### **The Health Experiment in the Interior.**

Dr. Hall selected 21 of the emigrants by this voyage, to make the experiment, which Mr. Seys had previously gone out to conduct, on the comparative healthiness of the interior highlands. Mr. Seys, after completing his arrangements for the emigrants by the Elvira Owen, had visited all the most promising locations, had found the "New Jersey Purchase" ill adapted to the purpose, and had selected an elevated site in the Queah country, about 30 miles east from Millsburgh, and 50 from Monrovia. The Queahs have always been distinguished as a peaceful, quiet, friendly people, and more agricultural than most of the surrounding tribes. Some of the leading men among them had known Mr. Seys, while formerly residing in Liberia as a missionary; and they were extremely desirous that a settlement should be established among them. Under the influence of this desire, they readily conveyed by deed to the American Colonization Society, a tract of land 20 miles square, for the trifling sum, considered as a gift rather than a payment, of \$40, or only ten cents per square mile. Mr. Seys caused the road to be widened and straightened from Augustus Washington's landing on the St. Paul's River to the Methodist Mission

station at Robertsville; and from thence, Zodah Queah, with 20 men, opened a wide road, as straight as the nature of the country permitted, to the great tree on the summit of Mount Fawblee, which marks the centre of the purchase, and then cleared away the forest growth to prepare for the erection of the necessary houses. When Mr. Seys sent to him from Robertsville, for 20 carriers to transport his effects to Mount Fawblee, Zodah sent 24; and on their arrival the work of erection immediately commenced.

On the arrival of the Society's ship, a dispatch was sent to Mr. Seys, who immediately repaired to Monrovia, transferred the selected emigrants, 19 males, 2 females and one child 7 years old, to boats, gave each a dose of quinine, ascended the St. Paul's river, and reached Robertsville, six miles from its banks, the same day. The next day, at 2½ P. M., they arrived at Mount Fawblee, and at the foot of the staff from which the Liberian flag was waving, united in hymns of praise and prayer. At the latest dates, only one of this company had felt the fever, and that but slightly; while it had attacked at least four-fifths of the other emigrants as usual. The Legislature have named the place Careysburgh, in honor of the memorable Lot Carey.

If the end of this experiment proves as favorable as its beginning, we shall earnestly desire to push our settlements into the interior as fast as practicable; but a variety of obstacles, some already known, and others, probably, yet to be discovered, may retard our progress. The latest accounts, however, indicate that the Receptacle at Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount, is nearly or quite as favorable to health as Careysburgh. If this indication continues, the need of pressing immediately into the interior will be less urgent, though the planting of interior settlements cannot be abandoned.

#### **Annexation of Cape Palmas.**

While the ship was at Monrovia, an application arrived from Cape Palmas, soliciting aid in a war with some of the native tribes. Dr. Hall, then agent of the Maryland Colonization Society, was the founder and first Governor of the Colony at that place. From its commencement in 1834, it had, though sometimes with difficulty, avoided any armed collision with the natives. Though having a civilized population of only about 1,000, it had, with the approbation of the Maryland Society, assumed political independence.

A treaty of amity and commerce had been negotiated between it and the Republic of Liberia, of which it had never been a part. The present war had grown, in some way not yet clearly understood, out of its attempts to prevent wars among the native tribes in its vicinity. The hostile combination was strong, and the second battle had terminated in favor of the natives. No ships of war, English, French or American, were at hand to aid them. There was no resource, but to apply to the stronger government at Monrovia. That government was under no political obligation to render aid, and its treasury was exhausted, and somewhat inconveniently in debt. Dr. Hall, acting for the Maryland Society, advanced \$5,000 towards the expense of an expedition, and united with others in persuading Gen. Roberts, late President, to accept the command. The Legislature authorized the raising of volunteers. In five days, 115 were raised, all preparations were made, and the Mary Caroline Stevens sailed with them for Cape Palmas. On their arrival, the people there proposed to annex themselves as a county to the Republic. The necessary formalities, except ratification at Monrovia, were agreed on and executed. Peace was made with and among the native tribes. A British steamer came along, and took Gen. Roberts and his troops back to Monrovia. This campaign, at a distance of 250 miles, by which a territory having 130 miles of sea-coast and more than 100,000 inhabitants was restored to a state of peace and added to the Republic without a battle, was finished in about three weeks. On the return of the expedition, President Benson called a special meeting of the Legislature, to consider the question of ratifying the act of annexation.

After this annexation, the sea-coast of the Republic will extend from the Shebar on the north-west to the Rio Pedro on the south-east, a distance of about 520 miles ; a little greater than the length of coast, disregarding sinuosities, from Portsmouth, N. H., to Norfolk, Va. Supposing it to average 45 miles in width, it would contain 23,400 square miles, and leaving out, in the comparison, one-fourth of Berkshire County in Massachusetts, would be 24 square miles larger than Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and Delaware. It contains very little waste land ; and it is a very moderate estimate of its fertility, to assume that its 14,876,000 acres, if well tilled, could furnish the necessaries of life for an equal number of inhabitants. When more is wanted

farther inland, the negotiation of Mr. Seys, at the rate of 64 acres for a cent, in presents, shows how it may be obtained. No more funds will need to be raised, therefore, for the purchase of territory, unless it should become advisable to commence a new enterprise on some distant part of the coast.

### Industrial Progress.

The Annual Message of President Benson, delivered December 3, 1856, is full of encouragement. The revenue for the year had been \$42,644 44; which was an advance of 25 per cent on that of the preceding year. The expenditures, omitting the purchase of the President's house for \$14,000, in fourteen annual installments, had been \$45,349 76; so that the deficiency, even in that year of uncommon exigencies, had been only \$2,705 32. The exportation of palm oil, of which, within the President's recollection, not a thousand gallons a year could be purchased on 400 miles of coast, had risen to more than a million of gallons annually; and there has been a similar increase of other products. He has evidence that, in the interior, millions of pounds of native cotton are made into cloths annually, some specimens of which reach the coast; and he believes that a few years of suitable encouragement would cause millions of pounds of the raw material to be brought to the coast for sale and exportation. He notices, favorably, the formation of a joint stock company on the St. Paul's for opening roads into the interior. He proposes an annual fair at the Capital in December, when the Legislature meets, for the exhibition of products and the distribution of premiums, (at which, he writes to a friend, he intends to be a competitor;) and the formation of a National Agricultural Society, with County Auxiliaries; and the location of Agents at suitable points, to promote industry and civilization among the natives, as required in the fifth article of the Constitution. The Legislature appropriated \$3,000 annually, for exploration and opening roads in the interior.

The branch of agricultural industry now attracting most attention, is the cultivation of sugar. Large tracts on the St. Paul's have been planted with cane. A steam sugar-mill is now in operation, which cost about \$4,000, and another, of much greater cost, goes out by the Society's ship on her present voyage.

One firm at Monrovia, M'Gill Brothers, having a schooner of

100 tons, built for them in Baltimore in 1848, remitted to their agent in that city nearly \$15,000, to be expended in building another of 109 tons and purchasing her cargo. She sailed November 10, 1856. This was done without interrupting their usual orders of goods from England, for their extensive wholesale trade at Monrovia, and while keeping their other schooner, and several smaller craft, in active employment.

### Liberia College.

Another important event of the year is the appointment of a President of Liberia College, and the shipment of materials for the College buildings.

The Trustees of Donations for Education in Liberia, having accumulated a fund of nearly \$24,000, and, after careful and extensive inquiries, selected the Hon. Joseph J. Roberts as the most suitable person to be its first President, and ascertained his willingness to accept that office, made arrangements with him to visit the United States as soon as practicable after the conclusion of his fourth term as President of the Republic. After some delay for the transaction of business of the Republic with the courts of London and Paris, he arrived at Boston, met the Trustees, was elected President of the College and accepted the office, July 26, 1856.

The plans and specifications for the buildings were drawn by L. Briggs, Jr., Esq., Architect, under the direction of the Trustees, in consultation with President Roberts, with a careful regard to economy, in view of the uses of the building, the nature of the climate, and the probable necessity of future enlargement. It is to be 70 feet long by 45 feet wide, and three stories in height, on a foundation of Liberia granite, and surrounded by a verandah, eight feet wide, on an iron frame, the posts of which will be inserted into blocks of granite. It will contain apartments for two members of the Faculty and their families, who will reside in the building and have the immediate oversight of the students; a dining-room sufficient for these families and the students; a room for the library and philosophical apparatus; a hall to be used for a chapel, lecture-room, or any other purpose for which all the students need to be convened; rooms for recitation and for study in classes; dormitories for students, and the necessary offices, store-rooms,

and other accommodations. The kitchen is to be a detached building, in easy communication with the dining-room. The eleven dormitories furnish all desirable accommodation for twenty-two members of the regular College classes, which is as great a number as can be expected for some years. They may, without discomfort, receive twice that number; and when it becomes necessary, more dormitories may be added with little expense.

As wood and iron work, by the use of machinery, can be done much cheaper here than in a new country like Liberia, contracts were made with Messrs. Flint & Kent, for the doors, windows, frames, and all the wood work of the interior and roof; and with Messrs. Chase Brothers & Co., for the iron frame and railing of the verandah. As these made it necessary to charter a ship, it was thought best to ballast her in part with brick, of a better appearance than are made in Liberia, enough for the outer courses of the walls, and for the floors of the lower story. The remainder of the brick, the lime and other materials, will be procured in Liberia.

The ship *Dirigo* was chartered, the building materials put on board according to contract, with merchandise enough to pay for labor and purchases in Liberia, and a small amount of freight on private account. She sailed, December 28, 1856, and early in February, landed all her cargo at Monrovia in good condition.

The tract of land granted to the College by the Republic was supposed to be the best location for the buildings; but, on clearing away the dense forest-growth from a part of it, unexpected objections showed themselves, and the President and Trustees, after a careful examination, determined to exchange it for a better. At the date of our latest advices, the question of its location had not been finally settled. This, and other unavoidable hinderances, will prevent the erection of the buildings till after the termination of the present rainy season, or, in the language of the country, "till the next dries;" the "dries" being the only season in which brick walls can be advantageously constructed. The whole expense of the buildings, including, as they do, two tenements for members of the Faculty, Library and Chapel, will come within \$20,000, and may not exceed \$18,000.

Providing a suitable Faculty has always been considered one of the most difficult tasks included in the establishment of this College. From facts within their knowledge, but which it would be

premature to make public at present, the Trustees confidently hope that such a Faculty, composed of men who choose Liberia as their home, will be found as soon and as fast as they are needed.

### **The State Society.**

These labors and expenditures for Collegiate education in Liberia, have in some degree interfered with the collection of funds in Massachusetts for the ordinary purposes of Colonization. The Trustees of Donations for Education in Liberia and the Managers of the Massachusetts Colonization Society, though composed in part of the same persons, are distinct bodies, and the funds raised or expended by one of them do not appear in the accounts of the other. Some of the most efficient officers of the Society have been obliged to labor mostly for the Trustees, and some liberal friends of the Society have found it necessary to place most of what they could give this year for Liberia, in the Treasury of the Trustees. During a large part of the year, too, many of our friends thought it their duty to give for the relief of Kansas, what they had usually given to us. For many months, the applications of our agent for leave to address congregations were—not exactly refused, but—generally deferred, till the claims of Kansas should become less urgent. With our consent, the Parent Society sent the Rev. J. S. Bacon, D. D., late President of Columbian College, in Washington, and many years a member of the Executive Committee, into Massachusetts as their Agent; hoping that his eloquence, his great weight of character, and his perfect knowledge of the subject, would enable him to exert a great and salutary influence. In respect to his influence on the opinions of those with whom he came in contact, they were not disappointed; but, during the entire summer, he was able to accomplish but very little in the collection of funds. The exact amount has not yet been reported to us, and his collections do not appear in our annual account. Later in the year, after the severest crisis had passed, the Rev. John Orcutt, Traveling Secretary of the Parent Society, rendered us important aid; and our Agent, the Rev. M. G. Pratt, was able to accomplish as much in the last four months, from January to April, inclusive, as in all the rest of the year; the latter part of that time being the most productive. For reasons in the highest degree honorable to all concerned, the legacy of Thomas

Tarbell, Esq., formerly a member of the Board of Managers, could not be paid till after April 30, when our financial year closes. It has since been paid, but does not appear in the account now presented. In the face of all these embarrassments, there were considerable amounts that, notwithstanding the certain prospect of a balance on the wrong side of the ledger, must be paid, in Boston, New York and Washington, to carry on the general work of Colonization; and they have been paid. The Treasurer's account, as audited, shows that the receipts, from May 1, 1856, to April 30, 1857, were \$5,268 38; the disbursements, \$7,261 84; the balance, \$1,993 46.

The next financial year, commencing May, 1857, has opened much more auspiciously than did the last; and there is every reason to hope that its favorable character will continue.

#### Encouraging Donations.

The Parent Society, too, has reason to rejoice in the promise, and indeed in the performance, of the opening year. The venerable David Hunt, of Rodney, Mississippi, has long been a subscriber of \$500 a year to its funds. Near the close of 1855, perceiving that the receipts of the year had been insufficient, he added a donation of \$5,000. In April of this year, he made another donation, of \$25,000. This was followed by the "first payment on the legacy of John McDonough, deceased, from the proceeds of his estate to June 30, 1856, \$12,534 09." And this was soon followed by another donation from Mr. Hunt, of \$20,000.

The three donations of Mr. Hunt, within one year and an half, amount to \$50,000, being \$14,000 larger than that of Mr. Stevens for building the Society's ship. Let the friends of colored men in Massachusetts and other States act with a like liberality, and we shall no longer be obliged to defer the freedom of slaves, ready to be emancipated gratuitously as soon as they can emigrate, from spring till fall, and then from fall till spring, and then from spring till fall, till their hearts sicken with hope deferred.



## DONATIONS

*To the Massachusetts Colonization Society for the year ending April 30, 1857.*

N. B. When the same person has made two donations within the financial year,—as for example, one in May, 1856, and another in April, 1857,—the amount of both is acknowledged. Donations received since April 30, 1857, will appear in the Report for next year. Besides the sums here acknowledged, sundry donors have remitted their donations directly to the Parent Society at Washington, and they have been acknowledged in the African Repository. [See page 23.] Payments for the Repository are acknowledged in that publication, and are not in this list.

<i>Andover.</i> John Aiker,	15 00	Charles Davis,	1 00
Samuel Farrar,	10 00	B. P. Kimball,	1 00
O. H. Perry,	10 00	Richard Pickett,	2 00
Mrs. Dea. Newman,	5 00	Cash,	50
M. Foster,	1 00	A. N. Clark,	1 00
J. L. Taylor,	3 00	D. Hildreth,	2 00
W. Phillips Foster,	5 00	R. Rantoul,	5 00
John Stimson,	2 00	S. E. Griffin,	1 00
Dr. Stephen Tracy,	3 00	Israel Trask,	1 00
Jacob Chickering,	5 00	S. Fiske,	50
R. A. Roberts,	1 00	Albert Thorndike,	5 00
Mrs. J. Edwards,	1 00	B. O. Pierce,	3 00—52 31
Albert Abbott,	50	<i>Boston.</i> Frederick Jones,	10 00
S. H. Taylor,	5 00	H. D. P. Bigelow,	30 00
F. Cogswell,	5 00	Shoe dealers in Pearl Street,	90 00
W. G. T. Shedd,	2 00	William Ropes,	10 00
J. S. Eaton,	3 00	Jacob Bancroft,	10 00
Rev. David Oliphant,	1 00—77 50	G. R. Fiske,	5 00
<i>North.</i> G. Hodges,	5 00	P. C. Brooks,	100 00
George L. Davis,	5 00	G. H. Kuhn,	20 00
Charles Furber,	1 00	E. B. Bigelow,	20 00
Hon. G. P. Osgood,	5 00	R. C. Mackey,	20 00
S. H. Parker,	1 00	C. C. Burr,	10 00
Mrs. Mary Osgood,	5 00	James Lawrence,	10 00
Dr. Joseph Kitttridge,	1 00	Thomas Wigglesworth,	10 00
Misses Phillips,	5 00	D. M. Kimmouth,	10 00
Mrs. Hannah Kitttridge,	3 00	J. H. Walcott,	10 00
Mrs. Susan Farnham,	10 00	C. P. Curtis,	10 00
Rev. P. Osgood,	1 00	John Lowell,	5 00
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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

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ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called THE MASSACHUSETTS COLONIZATION SOCIETY, and shall be auxiliary to the American Colonization Society ;—and its sole object shall be, to colonize, on the coast of Africa, free people of color, with their own consent.

ART. II. All members of any County Colonization Societies in Massachusetts shall be members of this Society ; and all persons who pay two dollars a year shall be members ; and all who shall pay thirty dollars at one time, shall be Life Members of this Society.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be a President, three or more Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, Treasurer, Auditors, and a Board of Managers, which shall consist of the President and nine other persons, five of whom shall form a quorum. The Corresponding Secretary and General Agent shall act under the advice and direction of the Board of Managers. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur between the annual meetings, in the officers of the Society ; and shall direct the Treasurer to pay over to the American Colonization Society, or other kindred institutions, such sums as may be in the Treasury from time to time, and for such specific objects as they may deem most worthy of support ; and to pursue any other measures which the interests of the Society may require.

ART. IV. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society in Boston, on Wednesday of the week of the religious anniversaries, at 3 o'clock, P. M., or at such other time as the Board of Managers may appoint ; when the officers shall be chosen, the Treasurer shall render an account of his receipts and disbursements, and the Board of Managers shall make a Report of their doings.

ART. V. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Society, on recommendation of the Board of Managers.

## Constitution of the American Colonization Society.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called "THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY."

ART. 2. The object to which its attention is to be exclusively directed is, to promote and execute a plan for colonizing, with their own consent, the free people of color residing in our country, in Africa, or such other place as Congress shall deem expedient. And the Society shall act, to effect this object, in co-operation with the General Government and such of the States as may adopt regulations on the subject.

ART. 3. Every citizen of the United States who shall have paid to the funds of the Society the sum of one dollar, shall be a member of the Society for one year from the time of such payment. Any citizen who shall have paid the sum of thirty dollars, shall be a Member for life. And any citizen paying the sum of one thousand dollars, shall be a Director for life. Foreigners may be made members by vote of the Society or of the Directors.

ART. 4. The Society shall meet annually at Washington on the third Tuesday in January, and at such other times and places as they shall direct. At the annual meeting, a President and Vice Presidents shall be chosen, who shall perform the duties appropriate to those offices.

ART. 5. There shall be a Board of Directors, composed of the Directors for life and of Delegates from the several State Societies and Societies for the District of Columbia and Territories of the United States. Each of such Societies shall be entitled to one Delegate for every five hundred dollars paid into the treasury of this Society within the year previous to the annual meeting.

ART. 6. The Board shall annually appoint a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of seven persons; all of whom shall, *ex officio*, be honorary members of the Board, having a right to be present at its meetings and to take part in the transaction of its business; but they shall not vote, except as provided in Article 7.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall meet annually in Washington, immediately after the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other times and places as it shall appoint, or at the request of the Executive Committee. Seven Directors shall form a quorum. But if, at any annual meeting, or meeting regularly called, a less number be in attendance, then five members of the Executive Committee, with such Directors, not less than four, as may be present, shall constitute a Board, and have competent authority to transact any business of the Society; provided, however, that the Board thus constituted shall carry no question unless the vote be unanimous.

ART. 8. The Executive Committee shall meet according to its own appointment, or at the call of the Secretary. This Committee shall have discretionary power to transact the business of the Society, subject only to such limitations as are found in its charter, in this Constitution, and in the votes that have been passed, or may hereafter be passed, by the Board of Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be members of the Committee *ex officio*, with the right to deliberate, but not to vote. The Committee is authorized to fill all vacancies in its own body; to appoint a Secretary or Treasurer whenever such offices are vacant; and to appoint and direct such agents as may be necessary for the service of the Society. At every annual meeting, the Committee shall report their doings to the Society, and to the Board of Directors.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended, upon a proposition to that effect by any of the Societies represented in the Board of Directors, transmitted to the Secretary, and published in the official paper of the Society, three months before the annual meeting; provided such amendment receive the sanction of two-thirds of the Board at its next annual meeting.